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USUN During discussions with President Betancourt this morning, I  
AID followed up on possibility of Venezuela taking action re shipping  
P to Cuba similar to US actions. Suggested President might wish  
IOP to consider taking initiative by corresponding with Presidents  
INR Colombia, Costa Rica, and other regional governments with view  
RMR to concerted action along these lines.

President indicated he was favorably inclined to this course  
but wished await return Foreign Minister Falcon Briceño in next  
few days from UNGA before initiating action.

Suggest USUN mention to Falcon my conversation with President  
as given above, in order he may return with accurate picture  
US actions and position and have opportunity, should he so  
desire, consult other regional FORNINS.

FYI. President further indicated that while willing cooperate  
ad hoc with US in individual measures such as above, he was  
highly unenthusiastic about formal Caribbean anti-Castro  
organization as proposed by Panama.

Reiterated his thesis that Cuban problem was one for OAS as whole.  
End FYI.

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